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For:	PHENYL CARBOXYLATE BETA-SECRETASE INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The above-identified case is a PCT application entering the US National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and Article 39(1)(a) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments prior to prosecution of the subject application. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract** are reflected on pages **2-3** of this response.

**The Listing of Claims** begins at page **4** of this paper (there are no claim amendments).

**Remarks/Arguments** begin at page **13** of this paper.

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